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# The Two Hundred and Ninetieth Report of the Curricular Affairs Committee

University of Rhode Island Faculty Senate

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THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND  
Kingston, Rhode Island  
FACULTY SENATE  
BILL

Adopted by the Faculty Senate

TO: President Robert L. Carothers

FROM: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL, titled The Two Hundred and Ninetieth Report  
of the Curricular Affairs Committee,  
is forwarded for your consideration.
2. The original and two copies for your use are included.
3. This BILL was adopted by vote of the Faculty Senate on October 22, 1992.  
(date)
4. After considering this bill, will you please indicate your approval  
or disapproval. Return the original or forward it to the Board of  
Governors, completing the appropriate endorsement below.
5. In accordance with Section 10, paragraph 4 of the Senate's By-Laws,  
this bill will become effective November 12, 1992,  
three weeks after Senate approval, unless: (1) specific dates for  
implementation are written into the bill; (2) you return it disapproved;  
(3) you forward it to the Board of Governors for their approval; or (4)  
the University Faculty petitions for a referendum. If the bill is  
forwarded to the Board of Governors, it will not become effective until  
approved by the Board.

October 23, 1992  
(date)

Leonard M. Kahn  
Leonard M. Kahn  
Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

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ENDORSEMENT

TO: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

FROM: President of the University

Returned.

- a. Approved ✓.
- b. Approved subject to final approval by Board of Governors \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_.

10-27-92  
(date)

Robert L. Carothers  
President

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND  
Kingston, Rhode Island

FACULTY SENATE

CURRICULAR AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

September 23, 1992

The Two Hundred and Ninetieth Report  
of the Curricular Affairs Committee

At its meeting of September 21, 1992, the Curricular Affairs Committee considered the following matters now presented to the Faculty Senate.

SECTION I

Informational Matter

College of Business Administration

Department of Management Science and Information Systems

ADD: MIS 388X Programming Concepts for Business (II, 3)  
Programming concepts with business applications,  
including data types, top-down programming,  
control structures, and introduction to  
object-oriented programming. PC implementation  
using a language such as Turbo Pascal. (Lec. 3)  
Pre: QBA 207 or equivalent, or permission of  
instructor. Staff

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SECTION II

Curricular Matters Which Require Confirmation by the Faculty Senate

A. College of Arts and Sciences

Department of Speech Communication

a. ADD: SPE 306 Research Methods in Communication (I and  
II, 3) Basic concepts and techniques of  
communication research. Emphasis on analysis of  
existing communication research and on application  
of research processes to communication problems or  
phenomena. Pre: 206 or permission of instructor.  
Anderson, Chen, Ketrow, Mundorf, and Schultz

b. CHANGE: Requirements for the Speech Communication  
major to read as follows:

This major requires a minimum of 30  
credits in speech communication,

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including SPE 101, 103, 206, 306. The  
remaining 18 credits will be distributed  
as follows: two courses at the 200  
level (excluding 216); two courses at  
the 300 level; and two courses at the  
400 level (excluding SPE 471, 472, 491,  
492).

B. College of Human Science and Services

Department of Human Development, Counseling and Family  
Studies

CHANGE: Requirement for the Early Childhood Education  
major by adding "HCF 302 Literature for  
Children or EDC 425 Use of Trade Books in the  
Reading Program."

C. College of Nursing

APPROVE: The inclusion of the following statement into the  
UNDERGRADUATE BULLETIN:

After completion of 37-50 credits (which must  
include required foundation courses) with a  
minimum 2.20 quality point average, students  
may apply for confirmed admission to the  
College of Nursing.

D. College of Resource Development

1. Department of Plant Sciences - Landscape Architecture  
Program

CHANGE: Requirements for the Bachelor of Landscape  
Architecture by adding LAR 400 as a required  
course and reducing by 3 credits the number  
of supporting electives. (Pending approval  
of item III, C.)

2. Department of Resource Economics

ADD: REN 345 International Trade in Natural Resource  
Products (II, 3) Economics of national and  
international policies regarding international  
trade in exhaustible and renewable natural  
resource products. Impacts of these policies on  
resource management and producer and consumer  
welfare. (Lec. 3) Pre: 105 or ECN 126 or  
permission of instructor. Wessells

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## RECOMMENDATIONS

In the judgment of the Committee, what follows is a summary list of NEEDS that will bring the University into full compliance with the letter and spirit of the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act. Background and a justification for these are contained in the body of this report and its appendices.

- 1) Safety Publication professionally produced by the URI Publications staff as described above should be prepared annually.
- 2) A Freshman Experience Course for credit (including peer presentations) should be required.
- 3) Self-defense courses for academic credit should be available for all requesting them.
- 4) Safety Workshops should be given by teams of peers and experts on:
  - a) Alcohol and drug awareness
  - b) Sexual harassment and assault awareness
  - c) Racial and cultural awareness
  - d) Homophobia awareness
  - e) Skills development in how to establish non-predatory, non-aggressive, and mutually satisfying relationships
- 5) Increased security personnel are needed.
- 6) A minimum shift of officers and dormitory security should be maintained at all times.
- 7) Foot patrols by police officers on the grounds and in campus buildings should be instituted.
- 8) A sexual assault unit with trained women police officers to work with victims should be established.
- 9) Minority representation on all security units should be increased.
- 10) A hate crimes unit with representation from protected categories to work with victims should be instituted.
- 11) A victim assistance unit to work with victims of any type of crime should be developed.
- 12) Residential Life Security
  - a) Trained staff, not students, should act as door monitors.
  - b) The position of security officer should be upgraded and mandatory training and yearly refresher courses instituted. A full contingent of officers, especially on weekend evenings, should be maintained. Establishing direct radio linkage through a shared frequency between campus police and residence-hall security officers should be explored.
  - c) All dormitories should have card access entry, magnetic doors, and automatic door locks on student rooms.
  - d) Increased communication between security supervisors and security staff should be developed.
  - e) Foot patrols of police and security staff in and around dormitories should be implemented.
  - f) Space in single sex dormitories should be available to meet student demand.
  - g) Healthy living dorms should be available to meet student demand.

- h) A list of serious crimes carrying automatic removal from a living unit should be instituted (e.g., possession of guns or other illegal weapons on one's person or in a room; conviction through the courts or the judicial system of a drug offense; conviction of a first- or second-degree sexual assault; conviction of physical assault with bodily harm resulting; conviction of exhibitionism, obscene calls, threats of harm; conviction of a hate crime; being named in a TRO or trespass order)
- i) A report system for offenses should be instituted; accumulation of a point limit from any combination of offenses carries removal from the living unit. All students must be treated equally. No special consideration or protection should be given to any group of residents.
- j) Photo ID badges should be issued to all employees. Such badges must be worn at all times in the dormitories.
- k) Dormitories should be locked at all times.
- l) Security screens should be installed on ground floor and accessible second-floor windows as allowed by the state fire code.
13. Escort Services should be funded adequately and have vehicles assigned for this use only.
  - a) Guidelines for the use of the service must be spelled out clearly.
  - b) Escorts should be trained; teams should include a woman and man, and there should be special emphasis on a diversity presence.
  - c) Escort vehicles should be clearly marked.
  - d) Escort staff must wear special clothing, with insignias, and a photo ID badge.
  - e) Policies for reporting complaints about staff or users must be disseminated widely.
14. Penalties for tampering with or vandalizing emergency phones should be as stringent as allowed by Rhode Island law.
15. The charge and scope of the Sexual Harassment Subcommittee should be expanded with the addition of a Sexual Assault Advisory Committee modeled on the program at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
16. The Cigar should be asked to publish "Police Beat," a compilation of reports to the URI Police, on a biweekly basis.
17. The Cigar should be asked to publish monthly statistics on the judicial system.
18. The Cigar and The Pacer should be asked to publish reports of the Sexual Harassment Subcommittee to the Faculty Senate when such reports are made.
19. Weekly outdoor lighting checks should be instituted by University police and Residential Life staff. All outages should be reported immediately to Facilities and Operations.
20. The University should be made a dry campus with the exception of establishments licensed by the state.
21. Leadership regarding security must emanate from the President's Office. Funding must be given high priority, and accountability for enhancing security must be stressed as everyone's concern.

S E C T I O N   I I I

Joint Report of the Curricular Affairs Committee and Graduate Council on 400-Level Courses.

At the Curricular Affairs Committee's meeting of September 21, 1992 and the Graduate Council's meeting of September 11, 1992, the following matters were considered and are now presented to the Faculty Senate for confirmation.

A.    College of Arts and Sciences

Departments of Botany and Microbiology

- a.    ADD: BOT 451 (or MIC 451) Laboratory in Cell Biology (II, 1) Analysis of subcellular processes, structures and molecules using techniques including gel electrophoresis, spectrophotometry ultracentrifugation and protein purification, topics range from analysis of gene expression to subcellular localization of enzymatic activity. (Lab. 2) Pre: concurrent enrollment in 453 (or MIC 453) or permission of instructor. Norris
- b.    CHANGE:    Credits for BOT 453 (or MIC 453) to "3" and method of instruction to "(Lec. 3)."

B.    College of Nursing

\*CHANGE:    Credits for NUR 446 to "1-4."

C.    College of Resource Development

Department of Plant Sciences - Landscape Architecture Program

- \*ADD: LAR 400 Computers in Landscape Architecture (II, 3) Intensive course in computer usage for landscape architects. Focus on the application of landscape architecture computer-aided design software to project development. (Lec. 2, Studio 2) Pre: Senior standing in landscape architecture. Not for graduate credit. Simeoni

\* No action by Graduate Council. Not for graduate credit.